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SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE HAS EXISTED TO CULL THE SINFUL AND BRING FIERY RETRIBUTION TO THE GUILTY. BONDED TO A HUMAN HOST, THE GHOST RIDER ROARS ACROSS A DOOMED EARTH, FINDING NEITHER PEACE NOR REST.

RECENTLY, THE CURSE OF THE GHOST RIDER PASSED FROM JOHNNY BLAZE TO A NEW HOST, A YOUNG GIRL NAMED ALEJANDRA. ORPHANED AT BIRTH, SHE WAS RAISED BY A MAN NAMED ADAM, WHO SOUGHT TO USE THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE AS A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

JOHNNY HELPED ALEJANDRA BREAK FREE FROM ADAM AND OFFERED TO HELP HER LEARN TO LIVE WITH HER CURSE. BUT ALEJANDRA WOULD NOT BE SHACKLED TO WHAT SHE SAW AS ANOTHER PERSON TRYING TO CONTROL HER. SHE RODE OFF ON HER OWN, LEAVING JOHNNY IN THE DUST BEHIND HER.

NOW SHE HAS NO ONE TO RELY ON BUT THE

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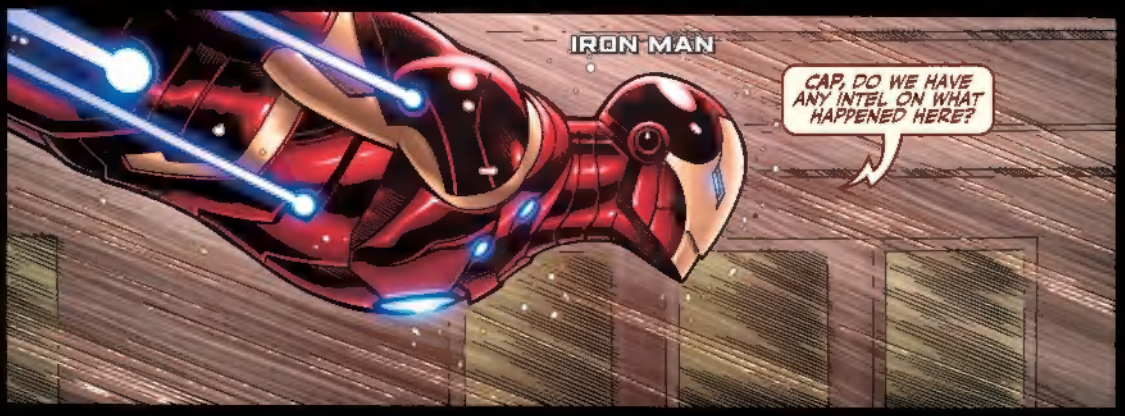
SPIDER-MAN
WHY IS IT THERE'S NEVER A JAILBREAK ON NICE, PLEASANT, WARM NIGHTS IN NEW YORK?
WHY IS IT YOU NEVER SHUT UP?
NEW YORK CITY. MEAT-PACKING DISTRICT. MIDNIGHT.
WOLVERINE

RED HULK
LOCK AND UNLOAD, AVENGERS!


IRON MAN
CAP, DO WE HAVE ANY INTEL ON WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

NEGATIVE, IRON MAN.
JUST A "MAYDAY" DISTRESS SIGNAL FROM THE PRISON TRANSPORT JET HEADING TO THE RAFT.
CAPTAIN AMERICA
THAT LED TO THESE GUYS DROPPIN' OUT OF THE SKY.
FALCON

AND THERE CAME A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER, WHEN *EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES* FOUND THEMSELVES UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT...

...TO FIGHT THE FOES NO SINGLE SUPER HERO COULD WITHSTAND. ON THAT DAY,

THE AVENGERS

WERE BORN!

THE MISSION'S PRETTY CLEAR, PEOPLE.

WE ROUND UP THE *LETHAL LEGION* AND WE CALL IT A NIGHT.

*CUTTING THIS SHORT, **LASER**. I'VE GOT PLANS THAT DEFINITELY DON'T INCLUDE YOU.*

THERE'S AN EENSY-WEENSY SPIDER JOKE SOMEWHERE IN ALL THIS RAIN AND I'M GONNA FIND IT...

GREEN. RADIOACTIVE. AND YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME?

IT'S BEEN *DONE.*

I'M A SOLDIER...
THERE ARE DAYS... YEARS...WHEN ALL I'VE KNOWN IS WAR.
AND LIKE IN ANY WAR, THERE ARE SACRIFICES THAT HAVE TO BE MADE.
FALCON! STAY HIGH! I DON'T WANT YOU CAUGHT UP IN WHIRLWIND'S GALE FORCE.
YOU WATCH YOUR OWN BACK, STEVE. I'VE FLOWN IN MUCH WORSE THAN THIS.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, RED--
--WING--
ARRRGH!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE RUN.
WHATEVER YOUR PLAN WAS, IT'S OVER.
HOW'S EVERYBODY ELSE DOING, SAM?
SAM...?
FALCON!
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